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P-8A EIS Project Manager  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Department of the Navy's draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Introduction of the P-8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) into the U.S. Navy Fleet (CEQ No. 20130276).

The draft SEIS addressed the potential environmental effects of home basing P-8A squadrons at two established maritime patrol bases to replace the retiring P-3C aircraft. EPA believes that the draft SEIS provides an adequate discussion of the potential environmental impacts and we have not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes. EPA has rated the draft SEIS as LO – "Lack of Objections." A summary of EPA's rating is enclosed.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the draft SEIS. The staff contact for the review is Candi Schaedle and she can be reached at (202) 564-6121.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Bromm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Susan E. Bromm  
Director  
Office of Federal Activities

Enclosure